

Remarks

The Applicants have amended Claim 1 to recite that the polyamide is a polyamide film. Support may be found throughout the Applicants' specification and in originally-filed Claim 10 which is directed to the polyamide film. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the polyamide film has a Young's modulus in at least one direction of 4 GPa or more. Support may be found in the Applicants' original specification such as on the second to the last line on page 8.

Claims 10 and 38 has been amended in view of the changes to Claim 1. Also, Claims 4-5, 7-9 and 36 have been cancelled. New Claim 56 is identical to Claim 38, but depends on Claim 1.

Entry of the above changes and cancellations into the official file is respectfully requested, particularly given that this Response is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1, 4-5, 9-14 and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Handa or Tsukuda. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot with respect to cancelled Claims 4, 5 and 9.

Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 9-14 and 20-22 stands rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Teramoto or Tsukuda 1. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot with respect to cancelled Claims 4, 5, 7 and 9.

Claims 4-5, 7-22, 36, 38-39, 41 and 42 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Harris. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot with respect to cancelled Claims 4, 5 and 7-9.

Claims 1-7, 10-15, 22, 36 and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Murakami. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot

with respect to cancelled Claims 7 and 36.

Claims 1, 7-9 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 over Elfert. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is now moot with respect to cancelled Claims 7-9.

Claims 1, 10-15, 22, 36 and 38-39 stand rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Yamaoka. The Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot with respect to cancelled Claim 36.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the remaining claims are not anticipated by Handa, Tsukuda, Teramoto, Tsukuda 1, Harris, Murakami, Elfert and Yamaoka. In that regard, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 as now amended recites a film that has a Young's modulus in at least one direction of 4 GPa or more and exhibits a light transmittance of 80% or more for all lights with wavelengths of from 450 nm to 700 nm and a light transmittance for a light with a wavelength of 400 nm of 75% or more. In other words, the Applicants claim that their polyamide film is simultaneously excellent in both mechanical properties and transparency. Hence, the Applicants' film is not yellow and substantially does not turn yellow over the course of time. It is both strong and highly transparent at the same time. The Applicants respectfully submit that all of the above mentioned publications do not explicitly or implicitly disclose those characteristics when taken in combination with the other structural components recited in the claims. The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that none of Handa, Tsukuda, Teramoto, Tsukuda 1, Harris, Murakami, Elfert and Yamaoka anticipate the claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 40-46 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over the hypothetical combination of Vargo with Harris, Tsukuda, Murakami, Yamaoka, Handa or Teramoto. The Applicants respectfully submit that Vargo fails to cure the deficiencies set forth above with respect to the

primary references and the disclosure of their simultaneous high transparency and excellent in mechanical properties as recited in the claims. Withdrawal of that rejection is also respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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